

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of RICHARD E. CHAMPAGNE,  
DANIEL D. CHAMPAGNE, ROBERT WADE  
CHAMPAGNE, and SHAUN T. CHAMPAGNE,  
Minors.

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JANE M. JOHNSON and GARY T. JOHNSON,  
  
Petitioners-Appellees,

UNPUBLISHED  
June 10, 1997

v

No. 195045  
Monroe Probate Court  
LC Nos. 002990-AD;  
002991-AD;  
002992-AD;  
002993-AD

RICHARD EDWARD CHAMPAGNE, II,  
  
Respondent-Appellant.

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Before: Saad, P.J., and Hood and McDonald, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the probate court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 710.51(6); MSA 27.3178(555.51)(6). We affirm.

The probate court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination under §51(6)(a) and (b) were established by clear and convincing evidence. *In re Hill*, \_\_\_ Mich App \_\_\_; \_\_\_ NW2d \_\_\_ (Docket No. 195806, issued 2/21/97). There was clear and convincing evidence that respondent failed to visit his children. Although petitioner-mother did not keep the Friend of the Court advised at all times of her current address, respondent made little effort to seek visitation or enforce his right to visitation through the Friend of the Court for the two years preceding the filing of the petition. Respondent also failed to substantially comply with the support order for the children. Further, the probate court did not abuse its discretion in denying respondent's request for appointed counsel. *In re Sanchez*, 422 Mich 758, 770-771; 375 NW2d 353 (1985). Respondent initially informed the court that he did not want to be assisted by counsel. Because the issues before the probate court were

primarily factual issues that were not complex, the probate court did not err in denying respondent's belated request for appointed counsel. *Id.* Cf., *In re Fernandez*, 155 Mich App 108; 399 NW2d 459 (1986).

Affirmed.

/s/ Henry William Saad

/s/ Harold Hood

/s/ Gary R. McDonald